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Statement by NAKATA, Shinichi, who, having been cautioned, states as follows:

"My name is NAKATA Shinichi, aged 35. I came to Borneo in November 1943 as a lieutenant in the Kenpei Tai. I went to JESSELTON on Dec. 1st '43 and took charge of the branch Kenpei Tai there.

About July 1944 I remember accompanying about 40 Suluks males from Jesselton to DINAWAN Island where they were executed by shooting. I do not know which island or islands these Suluks came from.

I took about 6 or 7 Kenpei Tai. The Kenpei Tai had the duty of guarding the prisoners and taking them to the execution ground. The shooting was done by soldiers. The K.T.s who came included MUKAI, INABA (who I think stayed in one of the boats), MINAMIDATE and NAKAMAE. Col. MACHIGUCHI, who was at that time at Army HQ, in Police Affairs control, came as a spectator. The execution was in the hands of Major NISHIHARA who had been president of the Court Martial which sentenced these Suluks. I witnessed the shooting. There were about 20 soldiers under the command of a 2/Licut.

I received my orders to attend from the HQ of General YAMAWAKI's army in the form of a general order.

I hereby acknowledge that the above statement was made by me at Labuan on the 22nd day of April 1946 and that I have appended my signature to the statement which I have had read out to me and I fully understand the contents. I further state that no threats or undue pressure were used to obtain the statement and I have signed it voluntarily and understand that it may be used in evidence."

Signed in Japanese characters,

I certify that I duly translated the above summary to the witness in his own language prior to his signing his name which appears above.

Signed John G. Bridger.

Taken down by me, M.G. Dickson, Capt., No. 8 WCIT this 22nd day of April 1946 detailed to examine the above by C in C ALFSEA.

Certified True Copy.

/s/ M. J. Dickson
Capt.

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